

REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

City Council Meeting of 2/1/2010**Agenda Item: Consent Agenda Item****Originating Department:**
Public Works**Subject:**
Gay Lea Wilson Trail Extension - Phase 1**Action Requested:**
Resolution**Council Goal:**
Improve mobility and infrastructure**Include Cover Sheet:** ☐**Legal: No Review Required****Executive Summary:**

The action before the Council is the approval of a resolution and an application to the Iowa Department of Transportation for possible funding from the federal "Stimulus II" program to facilitate the construction of the Gay Lea Wilson Trail Extension – Phase 1.

As you know, the Gay Lea Wilson Trail Extension is included in the city's current capital improvements program. The scope of this project includes the construction of a recreation trail from Carney Marsh on SE 54th Street running south and east through Ankeny and Polk County to the northeast corner of Des Moines (the current terminus of the Gay Lea Wilson Trail). This trail project, which is jointly sponsored by Ankeny and Polk County, has an overall estimated cost of \$2.9 Million. At this time, Ankeny and Polk County have acquired \$777,500 of federal and state funding for the project.

Staff has been informed by the Iowa DOT and the Des Moines Area MPO that a second round of stimulus funding, known as the "Stimulus II" program, should be forthcoming, possibly as soon as March 1, 2010. If so, approximately 3% of the total funding for transportation projects will be allocated to regional trail projects. To qualify for funding, the trail projects will need to be "ready to go", meaning that there can not be any environmental issues or the need to purchase right-of-way.

Public works staff reviewed the requirements of the program, and determined that a first phase of the Gay Lea Wilson Trail, from Carney Marsh south one mile, would be a good candidate project for Stimulus II. This section of the trail will be constructed on an abandoned railroad bed. It has an estimated cost of \$340,000.00.

In order for the city to apply for the possible "Stimulus II" trail funding, a "Request for Enhancement Funds" application must be submitted to the Iowa DOT. This form has been completed and is attached for reference. Pending approval by Council, public works staff will submit this application to the Iowa DOT, along with preliminary construction plans and a concept statement as required. If awarded funding, the project would be let through the Iowa DOT in early summer and would be completed by fall of this year.

Fiscal Impact: Yes ☐ No ☒

No fiscal impact at this time. The city could receive full or partial funding for the project from Stimulus II. If so, the contract documents will be prepared to proceed with construction of the project, pending council approval. It is anticipated that the engineering for this project will be completed by public works.

City Manager's Recommendation:**It is recommended that the Council take the following action:**

1. Approve the resolution signifying the city's support of this funding application.
2. Authorize the Mayor to sign the said agreement.

Previous Council/Commission/Board Action(s):

Public Outreach Efforts:
Action 1:
Consider motion to adopt RESOLUTION, authorizing the City of Ankeny to submit an application to the Iowa Department of Transportation for funding from the Federal “STIMULUS II” Program for the construction of the Gay Lea Wilson Trail Extension Project – Phase 1.
Action 2:
N/A
Action 3:
N/A
Action 4:
N/A
Action 5:
N/A